

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

The highlights of this weekend in the Second Division will be the clash between Pan Hellenic and Weston, both undefeated teams and at the moment appearing either of the teams to be promoted to 1st Division in 1965.

The defence of Pan Hellenic who have only conceded one goal will thoroughly test the Weston forwards who have so far scored 32 goals. On the other hand Pan Hellenic have scored 20 goals whilst the Weston defence has conceded 5-1 in each of five matches out of the seven played.

This could be a match where the first goal scored could be the winning goal, the result could go either way but one fact emerges as certain, it will be a match of continual probe and thrust looking for a weakness in an endeavour to break through with some really

good football throughout the ninety minutes.

On Saturday, Merewether will be at home to Charlston and this match could possibly give one of the teams its first win as neither has yet a point on the board.

Jesmond will be host to Slavia United and here again we should see an even closely contested match with possibly Jesmond winning by a narrow margin.

Belmont - Swansea will journey to Dudley-Redhead and with only a point separating the two teams the result should be close and possibly in Belmont-Swansea's favour.

The hard playing miners from Kearsley journey to Young Wallsend and here also we should see a battle royal as only one point separates the two teams. Young Wallsend may find their inexperience a big hurdle against the harder Kearsley team.

This seems to be the weekend for the clash of competition leaders as the two leading teams in the Third Division, Bellbird and Hamilton Azzuri clash on Saturday.

It would appear that Bellbird will record a further win as their forwards have been having more success than those of Hamilton Azzuri. Bellbird have scored 14 more goals than Azzuri whilst the defences of both teams, are the same having each conceded eight goals.

Macquarie Wanderers will visit Newcastle Tech. and should return home with two points.

Stockton will entertain Toronto Diggers and the home team having struck a bad patch will probably have difficulty defeating their visitors.

The Entrance will meet South Wallsend who have apparently started to mould into a solid combination with two consecutive wins

and should make this the third.

Barnsley and Teachers' College complete the fixtures and although Teachers' College are improving, Barnsley should add another two points to their tally.

Answers

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- 1. They are all birds.
- 2. In Rome, Italy. The famous amphitheatre is one of the best-known monuments of ancient Rome, built about 1,900 years ago.

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OUR SOCCER WORTH TOO LITTLE VALUED

Members of the Everton team are back in Beateleland on the banks of the Mersey and it will be a long time before either the players or their football arts and crafts are forgotten by all those fortunate to see them.

But don't let's overdo it. Everton is not the be-all and end-all of Soccer.

We Australians are much too prone to exaggerate the abilities of players in visiting teams — to give them too much hero-worship. We are also much too ready to decry the worth of our own players.

In short, when it comes to Soccer against top-class visiting sides, our players and we enthusiasts, tend to develop an unjustified inferiority complex.

Agreed, the standard of play in Australia has to improve. We know that full

well. And there are many phases in the overall administration that needs improvement too. But Australian Soccer is not so poor as many would have us believe because of Everton's superiority — a superiority that was expected before Roy Vernon and his team arrived here.

That superiority was not as great as many had anticipated.

The players who faced Everton did a grand job. But the Australian Soccer Federation set them an impeced part-time players to pace it with fully-trained, and better-trained, and much better coached professionals. The Federation set its sights at too big a target too early in Australia's new-found Soccer infancy.

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MAYFIELD UNITED v. CESSNOCK

Ref.: F. Myles. Linesmen: G. Muir, W. Gardiner.

WALLSEND v. MAITLAND

Ref.: L. Mottershead. L'men.: J. Carlin, H. Hall.

CARDIFF v. LAKE MACQUARIE

Referee: R. Roth. Linesmen: A. Roberts, T. Ayre.

WEST WALLSEND v. N'CLE. AUSTRAL

Referee: A. Brown. Linesmen: H. Lonsdale, C. Jack.

AWABA v. ADAMSTOWN

Referee: W. Jones. L'men.: D. Thompson, K. Urwin.

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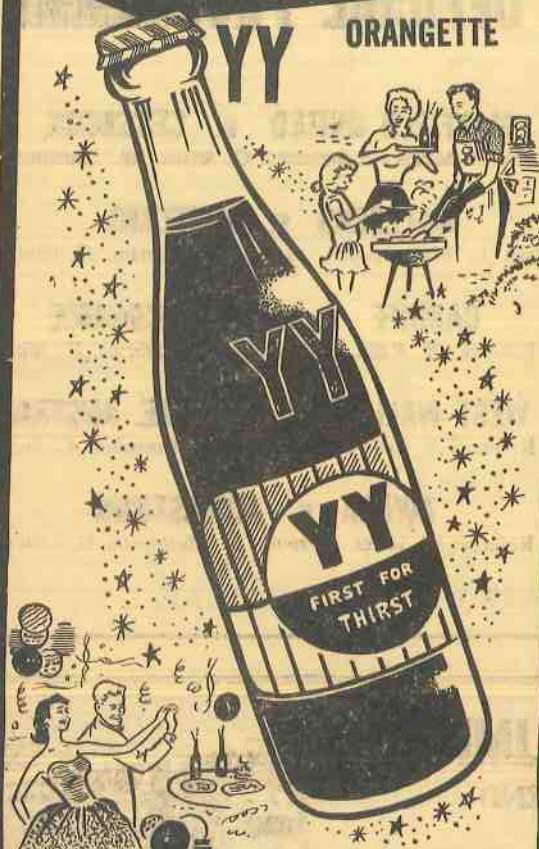
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POINT SCORE CHANGES

There were some changes — some of them unexpected — on the Northern Soccer League First Division points score table last week-end.

Most notable, of course, was Lake Macquarie's advance in which it left Awaba, previously its most persistent rival, behind.

Lake Macquarie now has a three points break on the field and, with seven of the 18 matches gone, certainly looks like the side that has to be beaten by any XI which has premiership aspirations.

Another marked advance was that of Maitland which, with successive wins against West Wallsend and Cardiff has sprung up the table to be sixth after languishing down in the depths for the early part of the competition.

West Wallsend, not so long ago breathing down

Lake Macquarie's neck, has been beaten three times in a row Mayfield, Maitland, Lake Macquarie — and is now fourth last, with Newcastle Austral and Mayfield United, both points gainers at the weekend, on the same number of points but with inferior goal averages.

Although Adamstown could only draw with Cessnock on Sunday while Cardiff was going down to Maitland, those teams hold their fourth and fifth places on the points score table.

Wal send goes into second place, ousting Awaba from that position, but only because of a superior goal average, since both teams have scored nine points.

With Lake Macquarie on top with 12 and the next five teams covered by two points, it looks like being a battle from here on — not only for the premiership but also for places in the semi-final.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION.—Mayfield United 3, Wallsend 3; Newcastle Austral 4, Awaba 3; Maitland 2, Cardiff 1; Cessnock 3, Adamstown 3; Lake Macquarie 2, West Wallsend 1.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—Mayfield United 4, Wallsend 4; Cessnock 2, Adamstown 1; Newcastle Austral 0, Awaba 2; Maitland 0, Cardiff 5; Lake Macquarie 2, West Wallsend 2.

SECOND DIVISION.—Pan Hellenic 2, Weston 3; Merewether 2, Charlestown 2; Jesmond 2, Slavia United 2; Dudley-Redhead 4, Belmont-Swansea 5; Young Wallsend 0, Kearsley 0.

SECOND DIVISION.—Reserve grade: Merewether 0, Charlestown 4; Jesmond 1, Slavia United 4; Pan Hellenic 4, Weston 3; Dudley-Redhead 0, Belmont-Swansea 3; Young Wallsend 3, Kearsley 0.

THIRD DIVISION.—Hamilton Azzuri 1, Belbird 0; Stockton 4, Toronto Diggers 6; Newcastle Technical College 0, Macquarie Wanderers 6; South Wallsend 8, The Entrance 1; Barnsley 5, Newcastle Teachers' College 2.

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NEW FACES IN NORTHERN SOCCER

John Sneddon, the "wee Scots laddie" from Cardiff bids fair to become the personality player of Northern Soccer—and justly so, for he has crowd appeal aplenty.

A 25-year-old who stands 5ft. 3in. tall in his socks and who weighs about 8st. 10lb. wringing wet, John—and I'll bet London to a brick that he'll be Johnny before you can wink an eye—has twinkling feet, magnificent ball control, a disarming manner, a winning smile and a great zest for the game.

What more do you want? Already Northern Soccer enthusiasts have taken Sneddon to their hearts and more and more will flock to see him make monkeys out of the bigger, stronger, but certainly not more capable, wing-halves and full-backs. He's a sight to see. The North has long lacked a good left winger but now we've got one.

Sneddon, who has not been in the district more than a cat-nap is being talked about. That's a sure sign he is a sure-fire attraction.

He hails from one Scottish town with the outlandish name of Kirkintulloch—and that's no offence to the Scots—but it is difficult for we ill-speaking (according to some English purists) to say. Dumbarton, one of Scotland's top sides, saw him, liked what they saw and signed him. But he had a hankering to come far away from Ye Banks and Braes and so came to Cardiff.



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And right pleased are we that he did, for he is most certainly a great adjunct to our football.

Sneddon is a spray painter, already in employment with a Newcastle motor firm, and highly delighted to be with us. The feeling is mutual. Long may he stay in our Bailiwick.

Jim McNiern, a 22-year-old, 5ft. 11in. tall and well up to his 11st. 2lb. weight is also with Cardiff. He did well in his first game with the club last week-end. He is an inside-forward and, fittingly, Sneddon's partner,

but he can also hold more than his own as awing half-back. He played with Rob Roy, one of Scotland's top junior sides—and you've got to be on the ball to be in that club—and has all the earmarks of being a top player. He is in Cardiff's team at the weekend for the match against Lake Macquarie and that will be a test for him. We're betting he comes through it in good style.

Cardiff is in the field for some more overseas players and is looking over some applications from Scotland and England. It wisely is seek-

- Here and There -

Maitland Club is intent on building its forces. It is examining the credentials of a centre half-back, a half-back and a forward—and they come from England, Scotland and Wales. Wot! No Irishman. It's a sinful shame.

What gives about Albert Simmons? Good enough, according to Northern selectors to play for the North against Everton, Simmons can't get a game with Adamstown. Seems that the bearded boy, who can, when he likes, be a fine footballer, does not agree with club policy and so was dropped to the Alliance League team but refused to play what is certainly reserve grade football. And so Simmons is on the sideline learning, perhaps, the hard way that the club is greater than the player—and that goes, too for others who should realise that the game is bigger than the club.

Mr. Vernon and Messrs. Bill Jones and Rudy Roth — two Newcastle referees — turned out in the new black uniforms all referees will wear come July 1. And right smart did they look. It is a change in the tooters' uniforms to be applauded and will add to the presentation of matches, most

of which certainly need something in that line.

The Australian Soccer Federation cannot be accused of being a penny-pinching organisation. Rather might it be chided with spending well but not wisely. This thought it engendered by its going to what certainly seems the needless expense of bringing a referee from Brisbane to control a non-competitive match in Newcastle. It did that for the North v. Everton fixture. Mr. R. Verbon made the trip but for what good purpose one knows not. Any of the North's many referees would have done as well — and might not have awarded Everton a most unnecessary penalty-kick which the Everton players sportingly refused to convert.

Neutral referees for a competitive match might be in order but Mr. Vernon's appointment was an expensive and unjustified gesture.

Mayfield has made a great gain in completing the transfer of "Popeye" McGuinness from Awaba. He'll do well in the Mayfield side, for Popeye is the go-ahead type Mayfield wants. I find it difficult to understand why Awaba let such a worthwhile player go.

ing good class amateur players who have their football in front of them. That's a sound policy and the club is to be congratulated on it.

Maitland also provides us with a chance to say welcome to two newcomers who will be on show at the Crystal Palace at Wallsend on Sunday. Both are from Lincoln City and both look to be the "goods".

Michael Parker will play inside-right at the Palace. He is 21 and signed for Lincoln City as an amateur when 15 and, at that time, Lincoln City was a second division team in the English Football League Second Division. When 19, Parker became a pro. for Lincoln City and played with the club's reserve team in the North Regional League, comprised of teams which employ, mostly, full-time professional players.

About 18 months ago, Parker transferred to Gainsborough Trinity in the Midland League and there met John Snaith, a 22-year-old defender, who played for Boston United in the league competition while still to reach his 16th birthday. He went to Lincoln City and stayed with that club till he left for Australia. But, it was while playing in the Midland League competition that Parker and Snaith met and decided to leave Old England for somewhere near Botany Bay. And here they are at Maitland.

We welcome the newcomers. May their stay with us be long and continually happy. We can do with more of their ilk—all good pals and jolly good company.

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STANDARD NOT AS LOW AS MANY JEREMIAHS WOULD HAVE IT

By PAUL MacKENZIE

There was much more to the results of some of the so-called important matches in which Everton played during its eight-match tour of Australia than appears at first glance—and the fact is sinking in now that the enthusiasms about the tour are dying with the departure of the Toffeemen.

Everton had a lot of goals presented to it — mainly because of the lack of experience of Australian players and also a lack of physical conditioning to equal that of their opponents.

That made a whale of a difference, for it is easy for a team to do well, to hold its rhythm and to be continually challenging when goals are handed to it on a plate. And that happened more often than not. Take the two so-called Test matches. In Melbourne, the Australian team made presentations of at least three goals, because of inexperience and lack of co-ordination among players opposed to a team which had played together for a long time. In Sydney, Everton had all the luck of the play, was given two goals and also had the benefit of a referee who looked kindly upon it and sternly on the Australian players.

Everton could possibly have been in front by more than one goal at half-time in its match against Newcastle — but not by many more. That's not my assessment but that of the Everton party which publicly stated its surprise at the Northern team's strong re-

sistance. The second half was a different story for a rearranged Everton attack was too well conditioned for the North's tiring players.

There was too much adulation about Everton's play. It was certainly good but not more so than we expected and certainly not deserving of the paens of praise heaped on it, for Everton was, after all, playing against part-time players. That Australia was beaten so easily was not the fault of the players but of ambitious administrators who acted much too hastily in inviting such a top Soccer force, as is Everton, to tour. It was asking too much of Australia's players to expect them, with insufficient training and coaching, to oppose the Mersey-siders. Australia was not ready to meet a team of such quality. Had more thought been given to the subject it would have been seen that much more good would have been done had the invitation gone to a team from the English League's Second Division — Newcastle United or Preston North End as examples — instead of one of the English League's showpieces.

Australian Soccer has a

sound futuer but it must not be forgotten that our players are part-timers and that the overall standard is consistent with that of a nation playing amateur Soccer. Looked at in that light it will be seen that Australia did remarkably well against Everton and that the visit did serve some using the Federation's coffers. But Australian playing standards must improve before another side of Everton's class is Australia's guest. Sure, bring out sides which can beat Australia and from which we can learn, but forget the glamour and start right at the top. Crowds will still turn up in their thousands to see English or Scots sides and, if Australia is making a showing, even in defeat, there will be more and more paying at the turnstiles with each succeeding match.

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Australia has to start at the bottom of the international ladder, not almost at the top as some officials wanted. It can do it — and climb to the heights.

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FIRST DIVISION MATCHES AND TEAMS Saturday, June 6

MAYFIELD UNITED v. CESSNOCK

Green with White	Gold with Black
1. K. MINTER	1. M. ROBERTS
2. B. SMITH	2. R. JACKSON
3. A. WEST	3. K. ROWBOTTOM
4. W. SHEEHAN	4. A. JOHNS
5. R. BOSLEM	5. C. ALMONDS
6. A. LAMBKIN	6. T. SNEDDON
7. B. LEWSAM	7. T. BARR
8. R. PRICE	8. J. LENNARD
9. K. McGUINNESS	9. J. BARR
10. A. SKELLEY	10. D. WILLIAMS
11. K. ROSS	11. J. PEEL

Ref.: F. Myles. Linesmen: G. Muir, W. Gardiner.

NORTHERN SOCCER LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST DIVISION.—Saturday: Adamstown v. West Wallsend. Sunday: Cessnock v. Awaba; Newcastle Austral v. Cardiff; Lake Macquarie v. Wallsend; Maitland v. Mayfield United. Alliance League—Early fixtures to First Division matches.

SECOND DIVISION.—Jesmond v. Weston; Slavia United v. Belmont-Swansea; Pan Hellenic v. Kearsley; Dudley-Redhead v. Charlestown; Young Wallsend v. Merewether. Reserve grade—Early fixtures to Second Division games.

THIRD DIVISION.—Hamilton Azzuri v. Macquarie Wanderers; Bellbird v. Toronto Diggers; Newcastle Tech. College v. The Entrance; Stockton v. Nelson Bay; South Wallsend v. Teachers' College; Barnsley, a bye.

Sydney Morning Herald Best and Fairest

Newcastle Austral v. Awaba.—
3: K. Twidle (N.A.). 2: R. Llyod (N.A.). 1: J. Doolan (N.A.).
Mayfield United v. Wallsend.—
3: A. Skelley (M.U.). 2: R. Giles (W.). 1: W. Sheehan (M.U.).
Maitland v. Cardiff.—
3: J. Sneddon (C.). 2: J. Meier (M.). 1: N. Scott (M.).
Cessnock v. Adamstown.—
3: J. Lennard (C.). 2: J. Barr (C.). 1: J. McNally (A.).
Lake Macquarie v. West Wallsend.—
3: D. Wright (L.M.). 2: K. Wood (W.W.). 1: J. Wellham (L.M.).

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Sunday, June 7

WALLSEND v. MAITLAND

Red with White	White with Black
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2. D. McKENZIE	2. F. RAUCH
3. K. NOLAN	3. S. ELLENBACHER
4. A. TURNBULL	4. J. MEIER
5. D. MORROW	5. K. GRANT
6. G. GREEN	6. F. WOOD
7. B. MORROW	7. J. SNAITH
8. B. DAVIES	8. M. PARKER
9. B. TISDALE	9. H. SCHNEIDER
10. R. GILES	10. N. SCOTT
11. G. LEE	11. K. SIMON

Ref.: L. Mottershead. L'men.: J. Carlin, H. Hall.

CARDIFF v. LAKE MACQUARIE

Tangerine with White	White with Blue & Gold
1. G. TAYLOR	1. K. GABRIEL
2. W. WALSTEAD	2. W. WHITELAW
3. A. HOWE	3. R. CLUNE
4. J. O'BRIEN	4. J. WOODS
5. T. ICETON	5. J. WELHAM
6. C. MOORE	6. L. WALSH
7. M. BLACK	7. J. DOYLE
8. R. FRAME	8. W. WRIGHT
9. D. SCHIO	9. T. PAVLAVIC
10. J. McNEIRN	10. G. HINCHCLIFFE
11. J. SNEDDON	11. J. KING

Referee: R. Roth. Linesmen: A. Roberts, T. Ayre.

WEST WALLSEND v. N'CLE. AUSTRAL

Blue with White	Mauve with White
1. W. ARMSTRONG	1. J. LANZONI
2. R. SANGSTER	2. E. SOKOLOWSKI
3. R. COOPER	3. R. McKENZIE
4. B. PEARCE	4. W. BARON
5. A. WILSON	5. T. GARRETT
6. T. YEATS	6. R. LLOYD
7. K. WOODS	7. K. TWIDLE
8. W. GREEN	8. D. HARVEY
9. K. IRWIN	9. T. HALPIN
10. D. AHRENS	10. R. DEAN
11. K. KAISER	11. K. SOLWAY

Referee: A. Brown. Linesmen: H. Lonsdale, C. Jack.

AWABA v. ADAMSTOWN

Blue with Gold Stripes	White with Red & Green
1. J. SMITH	1. B. HALLAM
2. J. PRESTWELL	2. R. PARKES
3. R. HITCHCOCK	3. J. McNALLY
4. W. FIELD	4. B. DAYKIN
5. L. SHARP	5. J. EASTON
6. R. REYNOLDS	6. J. POWER
7. H. GOODSIR	7. D. JOHNS
8. D. FIELD	8. R. BAARTZ
9. R. BURGOYNNE	9. R. HOWELLS
10. B. SHARP	10. W. COOK
11. G. PINCHES	11. C. CURRAN

Referee: W. Jones. L'men.: D. Thompson, K. Urwin.

NORTHERN LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

	HOME MATCHES						AWAY MATCHES						TOTALS						
	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE ..	3	0	0	10	3	6	2	2	0	9	7	6	7	5	2	0	19	10	12
WALLSEND	4	0	0	18	2	8	0	1	2	7	10	1	7	4	1	2	25	12	9
AWABA	2	1	0	10	6	5	2	0	2	13	14	4	7	4	1	2	23	20	9
ADAMSTOWN	3	0	0	10	5	6	0	2	2	9	14	2	7	3	2	2	19	19	8
CARDIFF	3	1	0	10	4	7	0	0	3	5	13	0	7	3	1	3	15	17	7
MAITLAND	2	0	1	3	5	4	1	1	2	7	10	3	7	3	1	3	10	15	7
WEST WALLSEND	2	0	2	13	12	4	0	1	2	4	6	1	7	2	1	4	17	18	5
AUSTRAL	2	0	1	11	8	4	0	1	3	4	12	1	7	2	1	4	15	20	5
MAYFIELD	1	3	0	12	11	5	0	0	3	4	10	0	7	1	3	3	16	21	5
CESSNOCK	0	3	1	9	10	3	0	0	3	4	10	0	7	0	3	4	13	20	3
TOTALS	22	8	5	106	66	52	5	8	22	66	106	18	70	27	16	27	172	172	70

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News from Gunnedah . .

With an all out effort, Gunnedah tried to snatch victory in the Gascopie Shield, but, despite their 9-0 win against Narrabri, the "Teenage Terrors" came second to Moree on goal averages.

The Acropolis, Browning and Northern League Cup matches begin shortly and everybody is keenly awaiting for these matches.

Was it worth two sleepless nights on cold trains to see the North play Everton? The writer considers that it was, and congratulates the Northern boys for such a good display. Football of that standard is not seen up here unfortunately, but a few feet of movie film taken of the game should give some of our boys an idea how the game should be played.

The points in the local competitions are:—

UNDER 8: Ajax 10, Liverpool Plains United 8, Curlewis 5, Police Boys 1.
UNDER 10: Wolseley Independents 10, Lurlewis 6, Ajax 5, Police Boys 1.

UNDER 12: Wolseley Independents 11, Curlewis 9, Breeza 8, Ajax 5, Police Boys A 2, Police Boys B 1.

UNDER 14: Ajax 9, Police Boys 6, Curlewis 6, Wolseley Independents 1.

UNDER 16: Curlewis 7, Ajax 5, Police Boys 0.

ALL AGE: Wolseley Independents 14, Ajax and Liverpool Plains United both 7, Curlewis 0.

We are looking forward to a visit from Macquarie Wanderers to test our strength against Third Division. There 14-1 against Stockton seems to indicate that they are not a bunch of sluggards, so should be a good test for our boys.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

SCOTLAND: Scottish League Summer Cup — Semi-final, second leg: Hibernian 3, Kilmarnock 0. Hibernian won on aggregate, 6-3.

RIO DE JANEIRO: International match: Brazil 5, England 1. Half-time, Brazil 1, England 0.

GENOA.— International tournament: West Germany 1, Spain 1; West Germany won after draw from hat following 1-1 draw after 120 minutes play. France 4, Malta 2, after extra time.

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On and Off the Field . . .

In last week's issue we told of Edison Arantes Do Nascimento of Brazil — Pele, the Black Pearl of Soccer, and, at about the time you were reading about him, Pele was cutting holes in England's defence in the international match at Rio de Janeiro when Brazil, holder of the World Cup, defeated England, five goals to one.

Pele scored one of the goals and his work "made" three others.

Alf Ramsey, former England player and the team manager, said after the game: "I've seen nothing like him. He is the best player there has ever been."

Pele beat four men in one great run in the first half drew another and then flicked a pass to the unmarked Rinaldo, the left winger, who scored. Jimmy Greaves scored a few min-

utes later to put England on good terms with itself with a 1-1 score at half-time. But that was England's share for after setting up another goal for Rinaldo Pele made a great solo run, in which he beat six men — yes, six of England's best — and scored with a terrific shot from just outside the penalty area. Then, minute later, he streaked through again to draw the defence to him and give Julinho, the unmarked right winger, an easy shot to goal and then he set up another goal for Dias, a wing half-back.

What a player Pele must be to draw the unstinted applause of even his opponents. It is to be hoped negotiations to bring him to Australia succeed.

Brazil is to meet Peru on Sunday to decide which South American team should join Argentina in the Olympic Games in Tokyo in October.

There was a move to cancel the match because of the recent tragedy when spectators at a match in Lima, Peru, stampeded with more than 300 being killed. However, the Peruvian Football Association has decided that the match must go on, although the Peruvian National Sports Committee had recommended that Peru should forfeit because of the tragedy.



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SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

There were some very happy faces, dry throats and relieved minds among the Weston supporters last Sunday when the final whistle blew on what had been a very hard dour struggle for 90 minutes in a game that could have swung either way at any time throughout the match and both Weston and Pan Hellenic are to be congratulated upon the efforts of their players.

However, let us now look forward and see what this weekend could have in store. On Saturday Jesmond will journey to Adamstown to meet Merewether and whilst Jesmond should win this game it cannot afford to take their opponents too cheaply

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as Merewether has been showing patchy glimpses of improvement and Saturday may be the day when the whole team will combine.

Charlestown will be hosts to Young Wallsend and this should result in a win for the youthful visitors. The majority of the wins of Young Wallsend have been by a narrow margin whilst their losses have been by a fair margin whilst Charlestown registered its first point with a drawn game last week.

Kearsley will be at home to Dudley - Redhead and should have no great difficulty in defeating Dudley-Redhead, a team which started the season well but is now slipping back.

Pan Hellenic will journey to Blacksmiths to meet Belmont - Swansea and whilst possibly still disappointed after their loss last week, they should have no difficulty re-entering the winning lists.

Weston will be at home to Slavia United and should not be greatly troubled to register another two points. Some interesting matches are scheduled for Third

Division this weekend, probably the most interesting of these being the Macquarie Wanderers v. Bellbird fixture for whilst 4 points separate these two teams, Macquarie Wanderers have played one game less than Bellbird and yet have a slightly better goal average having scored 41 goals with 8 against compared with Bellbird 39-9.

This puts Macquarie Wanderers in a favourable position as a win this week and the following week could lift them from sixth position on the premiership table to the top of the table at the end of the first round (on goal averages) with a game in hand for next week they meet Hamilton Azzuri who is at present sharing the lead on points with Bellbird as each of these three teams should win their fixtures in round 11.

It would be a welcome note to enter the second round with three teams in the lead all on equal points.

In the other matches Toronto Diggers meet Newcastle Tech. on Saturday and should add another two points to their tally.

Barnsley will be at home to Hamilton Azzuri and the visitors should go home with the two points.

Nelson Bay will oppose South Wallsend in what promises to be an interesting match with possibly a slight advantage to South Wallsend.

Stockton journey to The Entrance and this could possibly give The Entrance the opportunity of registering their second win of the season.

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NORTH BEING PUSHED INTO BACKGROUND

Is the North being made a Soccer "bunny" because of the selfish, parochial and "we'll-have-all and you'll-have-none" attitude of the N.S.W. Soccer Federation?

It certainly seems like it.

The N.S.W. Soccer Federation which controls the game in Sydney and the South Coast, has named a side to meet the German team, Munster, and has the temerity to call it N.S.W. The Northern Soccer League is not represented, although it probably has more talented youngsters in its top competition than any other area.

It would not have been so bad had the Munster side been able to play in the North but, since it will play only once in this State, it should have met a side selected from all parts of N.S.W. and not merely the Sydney area.

The N.S.W. Soccer Federation which should be call-

ed the Sydney-South Coast Federation, is taking too literally the fact that Northern N.S.W. has been given autonomy and a larger area.

That is O.K. — but not when the North is being pushed continually into the background, as in this instance.

On Page 3, Paul MacKenzie has something to say on this matter.

This has been one of the quietest weeks of the Soccer season for, with rain washing out training, there has been little to learn about players since few have reported to clubs. That has made the job tougher for selectors, who are expected to be crystal-ball gazers of determining if the players are fit or not. Most of them have taken the line that no news is good news and have assumed that all is well.

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ADAMSTOWN v. WEST WALLSEND

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LAKE MACQUARIE v. WALLSEND

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